

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday June 10th 2007

CW Field Day

Three Irish field day stations were heard during last weekend's CW Field Day. Shannon Basin Radio Club, using the call sign EI3Z/P, and South Dublin Radio Club (EI2SDR/P) battled it out in the grounds of Garbally College in Ballinasloe, County Galway, while well known EI contester Paul EI5DI operated with the "GI Brass Pounders" (call sign GI6YM/P) in County Antrim. Although the weather was not so kind, band conditions were generally good. There was a lot of Solar activity over the weekend, following the M3 flare on Friday 1st June, making band openings unpredictable. However 10 metres and 15 metres were open for some hours on Saturday and also briefly on Sunday.

The majority of QSOs were with other field day stations in IARU Region 1, particularly UK and German stations. However all participants reported calls from DX stations, with Australian, African and South Pacific call signs in the logs.

Theory Examination

Next Saturday, the 16th of June is the closing date for those intending to sit the theory examination for an Experimenter's Licence to be held on Thursday the 28th of June.

As announced last week all of the places for the exam centre at the ComReg offices in Dublin have already been allocated. In addition to the Dublin exam centre an examination will also be held on the same date and time and with the same paper at the Community Centre, Carrigtwohill, Co. Cork. Anyone who intends sitting the exam at this centre and who has not already done so would need to forward the appropriate fee immediately to Seán Nolan EI7CD, 12 Little Meadow, Pottery Road, Dunlaoghaire, Co Dublin.

The fee is 50 Euro or 25 Euro for full time registered students those who are retired, unemployed have a disability or are repeating the examination. Remember, the closing date for applications is Saturday next the 16th of June and for administrative reasons this date has to be strictly enforced. Seán's e mail address for further enquiries is ei7cd at "gofree dot indigo dot ie" and his postal address may be found in the call book section of the IRTS website at www.irts.ie

International Museums Weekend

The International Museums Weekend takes place on the 16th and 17th of June. This amateur radio special event has grown in popularity since the first event was held in 2002.

Among past participants are The Tower of London, HMS Belfast and the US battleship New Jersey. The Howth Martello Radio Group will be participating again this year, operating from the Vintage Radio Museum in Howth. Visitors are welcome to call and operate the station over the weekend. The museum web site is www.qsl.net/ei5em/museum.html A full list of participating museums and further information of the event is available from the organiser's web site www.ukradioamateur.co.uk/imw

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The date of the next theory revision class will take place on Tuesday the 19th of June at 7.30 p.m. in the Roanmore Centre, Waterford.

The next general meeting will take place on Monday the 26th of June at 8.00 p.m. in the Roanmore Centre, Waterford.

Comeragh Cycle Race

The national under 23 road racing championship will take place in Waterford on the 1st of July. Richie EI9HR is event Co-ordinator and he is being assisted by John EI8JA. This year's race will be on a greater scale with over 160 riders taking part. The Civil Defence have come on board this year to help with marshalling and RTE will be filming the event.

AREN will provide the communications for safe traffic management and accident reporting. There will be more radio reporting points and mobile stations than last year so more radio operators are required. Again newcomers are welcome and training will be provided on the morning of the race. This is an excellent opportunity for operators to put their radio skills to good use in a very enjoyable and rewarding way for the benefit of the Community. All operators irrespective of experience are welcome.

Please contact Richie on mobile 085-1465465 or evenings on 051-854315. You can also contact Richie by e-mail at "ei9hr at yahoo dot com".

Rallies

Bangor & District Amateur Radio Society Rally will take place on Sunday the 17th of June in the Crawfordsburn Country Park, Helen's Bay, Co. Down. The Cork Radio Club Rally will take place on Sunday the 23rd of September in the Blarney Park Hotel, Blarney, Co. Cork, the Waterford Rally will take place on the 21st of October 2007 in the Woodlands Hotel, Waterford and the Mayo Radio Rally will be on Sunday the 18th of November in the Belmont Hotel, Knock, Co. Mayo.

A full listing of upcoming rallies is available on www.irts.ie

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall, EI7IS at QTHR or by phone to 051-853806 or 087-6302026. Items for the radio news can also be faxed to 087 5 6302026. News should be submitted via e-mail to “news at irts dot ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Friday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday’s bulletin.

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